

20 August 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Information Review Officer, DDO

THROUGH:

Top Secret Control Officer, DDO

FROM

: J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT

: Review and Release of CIA Documents to Dr. Charles  
Sampson, Department of State Historian

1. Dr. Charles Sampson, an official historian with the Department of State, has asked that he be permitted to use the following CIA-originated documents from the Kennedy Library in preparing a Vietnam War volume in the official documentary series Foreign Relations of the United States:

SECRET document #HS/JFK 77, 1 Sep 63  
TOP SECRET document #HS/JFK/461, 30 Sep 63

I would be grateful if you would review these documents and decide whether they can be released (at their present classification, unless you wish to sanitize or downgrade them) to the Department of State for Dr. Sampson's use. The Information Review Officer/DDI has reviewed these documents and suggested that the indicated portions be referred to the DDO for review.

2. Dr. Sampson and the Department of State have agreed to the attached "CIA Records Access Policy," which requires further CIA review before any of the classified material you may now release to them can be declassified, downgraded, or published.

3. I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to the DCI History Staff, Room 316 Ames.

J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachment

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This memo is UNCLASSIFIED  
when separated from attached  
documents.

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